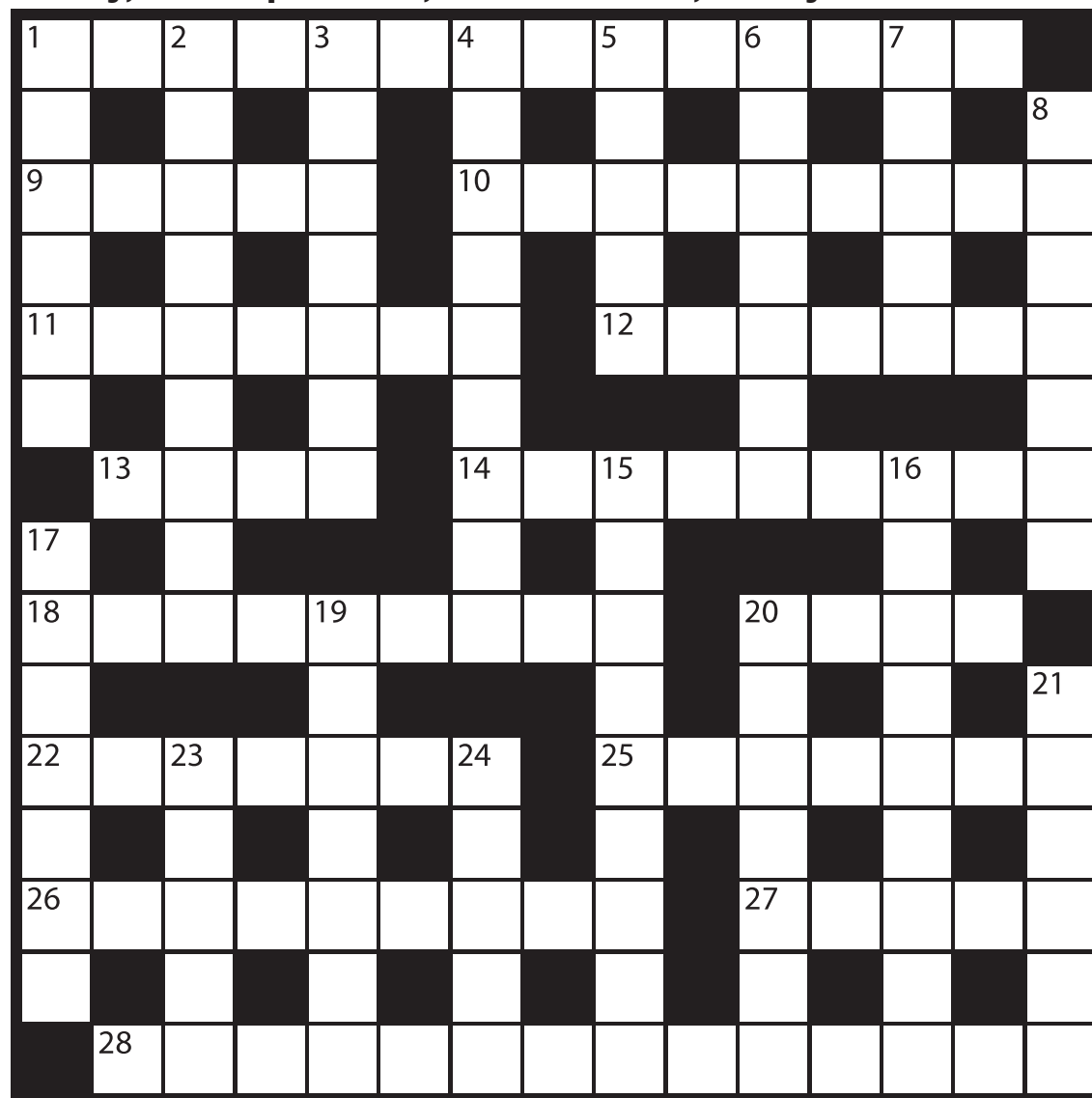


ACROSS

- 1 Son going on foot to middle of mall (8,6)
- 9 Exotic plant sends many round the bend (5)
- 10 Sharing crazy city paradise (7-2)
- 11 Arc over depression caused by disease (7)
- 12 Competitor in event ran third (7)
- 13 Relation is dignified, mostly (4)
- 14 Educative trip costing \$1000? (5,4)
- 18 Without principles, place clue in hat (9)
- 20 Hardens televisions (4)
- 22 Otters confused by a stone (7)
- 25 Part removed with ease, we hear, it's used by acrobats (7)
- 26 Dine out with husband by hot spot at Dutch city (9)
- 27 Plant left out of bed at home (5)
- 28 Tiddler's tail we cleansed with purified liquid (9,5)

DOWN

- 1 Choose stupid leader, then choose again (6)
- 2 Subcontract abroad before spring (9)
- 3 Played badly in case of the last sign? (7)
- 4 Coasting unhappily round Leatherhead, longing for the past (9)
- 5 Hunt with Charles, head of estate (5)
- 6 Invalidated necessity to carry tag back (7)
- 7 Tiara ruined by yogurt dish (5)
- 8 Parents break part of foot (7)
- 15 Suddenly everybody really good at carrying weight (3,2,4)
- 16 Sent photo out immediately (2,3,4)
- 17 Old crossbow arrow to fall out (7)



- 19 Warm drink for a whizz? (7)
- 20 Eat bird (7)
- 21 One laments being more intense (6)
- 23 Mount artificial intelligence on wrongdoing (5)
- 24 Italian villa houses forging equipment (5)